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Regatta returns

Ten of the fastest boats in North America are coming to Monroe for the 78th annual regatta.

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PX battles profit-guzzling gas thieves

BY PATRICK BUFFETT
CASEMATE STAFF WRITER

With losses ranging between \$20 and \$55 every other week, Fort Monroe Post Exchange officials are readying for battle against gas thieves.

"Incidents have risen to an average of two every other week," said Karen Gardner, the exchange's acting manager. "And the time has come to say 'enough is enough.' If you are caught, you will be charged."

Describing the situation as "clearly more than a case of folks innocently forgetting to pay after they pump," Gardner said the exchange will install additional surveillance cameras that will capture the license plate number of every refueling vehicle.

"We're hoping that will be a deterrent," she said. "We will rewind the tape to figure out who drove off

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TRADOC's top troops

TRADOC wrapped up its Soldier and NCO of the Year competitions last week, and the winners are ...

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Post worker earns

USAAC top award

An Army ROTC Headquarters staff member here was recently named winner of a 2004 award for excellence.

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Photo by Patrick Buffett

"Days of Our Lives" star Matt Ashford, and his wife Christine Saffran Ashford, perform the popular Broadway favorite "Baby It's Cold Outside" during The U.S. Continental Army Band's Music Under the Stars concert series, Aug. 5. While both performers are accomplished singers, Christine is a "Broadway baby," who has spent much of her life on stage and has appeared in numerous hit productions.

TRADOC earns DA 'best practices award'

BY HUGH C. LAUGHLIN
TRADOC NEWS SERVICE

FORT MONROE, Va. – The U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command was presented the Strategic Readiness System Best Practices Award here Aug. 2 for setting the standards by which the rest of the Army is being measured.

"The SRS is a Chief of Staff of the Army enterprise-wide management tool that permits senior Army leadership to manage and evaluate the readiness of the Army on a strategic level," said Pam Harrison, the lead action officer for SRS at TRADOC's Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Training.

"We are the first MACOM to actually develop an initiative process which will be used by the entire Army."

Pam Harrison

Strategic Readiness System Action Officer

"It is real-time, online and allows the CSA to make informed decisions that affects the future readiness of the entire force."

In 2001 the Army War College conducted a study to discover how the Army was reporting on the strategic readiness of the Army, and found

there was no such system in place.

"There was nothing prior to SRS," Harrison said. "The War College found out that we did not have a process for reporting on that."

According to Harrison, the difference is readiness is now being looked at strategically, rather than on a day-to-day basis. The CSA and Army leadership are using this system to make readiness decisions affecting personnel and budgeting.

The SRS is actually leveraged through what is called a balanced scorecard methodology, according to Harrison. It starts off with a strategy map, which is a picture of the

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It is natural to ask Him to be near when danger appears.

Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name

My two boys and I left at 6 p.m. on a warm July day in 1997 to drive to the Detroit Metro Airport south of the Detroit, Mich. We were driving from Selfridge Air National Guard Base to pick up a friend of theirs who was flying in from Kentucky. We knew storms were coming as we had seen the weather warnings on television prior to leaving. We left early because we knew the traffic would be slow due to the incoming storms.

The trip began by our stopping at a local gas station to fill up my van with gas soon after we had left the base. We pulled out of the station and the engine quit. It took some time to get it started, but when it did, I decided to take my wife's Camry instead of the

Chaplain's Corner



Maj. Barry M. White

IMA Northeast Region Chaplain

Ford van. We left from the Selfridge area about 6:35 p.m. and headed right into the storm of the year.

It took us two hours and 10 minutes to make the trip that generally takes about 50 minutes. We dodged hail, flying billboards

and downed trees on I-94 and we drove through water that was up to the car doors. These floods caused backups of over a mile at three or four overpasses. We even had a flat tire after running over something in the flooded areas. This was a white-knuckle trip to say the least. We heard later that there was massive damage to property in the Detroit area and 14 lives were lost.

As you might guess, I was praying as we were driving to the airport that day. I don't remember what I said, but I do know that I wanted God to be close to me as we dodged flying materials and literally floated in the rain water in our Toyota. I knew we were in danger and I wanted God riding right there in the

front seat with us. I bet many other people were calling out to God during that storm as well.

It is natural to ask Him to be near when danger appears. It is natural to call upon Him when the going gets tough. What all this made me think about was: do we call upon His name when the skies are clear, the wind is still and everything is going well in our lives? Or, are we more likely to call upon His name only when the going gets rough?

Throughout the scriptures we are encouraged by the stories of faithful men and women who trusted God and who called upon His name at different times. Here are two such verses that speak of calling on the name of the Lord: Psalms

105:1 says, "Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done." Isaiah 12:4 says, "In that day you will say: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted."

When is the last time you called upon the name of the Lord? Did you only do so when something was wrong in your life? In 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17 it says "Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks."

According to this scripture we are to pray always and not just during the tough times! God wants our attention all the time. Call on Him today. He's waiting to hear from you.

August is Federal Voter Registration month. It was celebrated at the Bay Breeze Community Center with a rally Wednesday. The November Presidential election is fast approaching so members of the Fort Monroe community were polled to gather thoughts about this all too often ignored event.

Do you vote? If so, why is it important to you?



Staff Sgt. James Upshur
HHC Retention NCO

"Voting gives you an active voice in choosing your next leader, whether it is state, local or national."



Sgt. 1st Class Ramon Madera,
JAG, Chief Paralegal NCO

"Your voice counts. It was proven in Florida during the last presidential election."



Karen Idzi
MWR, IT Specialist
"It's my obligation. I was raised that every vote counted and it is a duty and obligation because we live in a place where we can vote."



Ellis Cullifer
NetCom
"It is my constitutional right. I'm retired military and that's what I fought for – to allow folks to have a say in their government."



Sgt. 1st Class Johnita Jackson
Cadet Command Admin NCO
"I vote because I'm interested in the issues and what is going on. And, I hope the person I vote for stands good on what he says."



Karen Barnes
Environmental Scientist
"If I don't vote, I can't complain. I think it's a civic obligation to vote, especially for African Americans. That's basically because of what our ancestors had to go through. I have a cousin who still reminds me. She has the scars from hoses turned on her in Birmingham, Ala. I think it is shameful when people don't vote."

For voting assistance, contact Sgt. 1st Class Teruse Roseman at 788-4113

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"We need to not only report, but manage our performance."

TRADOC mission and vision, she described. On that map it has what TRADOC's strategic objectives are, and our core competencies. "It shows our vision of the future."

It breaks down in detail the strategic objectives. Our strategic destination is a combination of our objective description, our measures, our targets and how we weight those in importance, Harrison said. "The SRS system shows the building blocks on how we are going to achieve our strategic destination."

She said, "SRS is basically the link between strategy and the actions we need to take for both our current and future force readiness."

"So it is important to keep the strategic measures, goals and targets in that system up to date," said Harrison. The process for making those changes in the system for your organization's strategic objectives happens once or twice a year.

Part of what TRADOC has done with SRS is to set the standards for the change window and, "successfully align our strategic objectives with DA and the Army Campaign Plan; with Level 2 organizations and with other MACOMS," Harrison said.

"TRADOC was the first major command to actually have a change window," Harrison pointed out. "Not only did we have a change window for TRADOC, but for all 30 subordinate commands at the same time, during the same week."

Having that many participants making changes at the same time without having a single glitch was a great accomplishment for TRADOC

and for the Army.

"Everything came together and DA has recognized TRADOC as setting the standard to implement the change windows," touted Harrison.

One of the things SRS allows you to do is to identify performance gaps. "Through initiatives the TRADOC command pursues, we are able to close those performance gaps," Harrison explained. "We are the first MACOM to actually develop an initiative process which will be used by the entire Army."

Harrison said we want people to understand how important these initiatives are. "We need to not only report, but manage our performance."

TRADOC came up with its initiatives by applying filtering criteria to help determine what really a strategic initiative is and what just a day-to-day project is.

"Then we used an assessment criteria to help assess the strategic impact and the predicted risk," said Harrison. "Those processes which we developed to formulate the initiative process were seen by DA as the way ahead for the entire Army to develop the initiative for other MACOMS."

Through this process in identifying the strategic objectives and initiatives, "we have 1,100 strategic measures which we report data against every single month," Harrison said. "No other MACOM has as many strategic objectives that report data against as TRADOC does."

The remarkable thing is for six consecutive months TRADOC has reported at 100 percent for all 1,100

measures. Maybe even more notable than consistently reporting on 1,100 objectives, each of the 30 subordinate units that report on these objectives are aligned with the headquarters objectives.

"Likewise as we built the headquarters scorecard, we maintained alignment with the HQDA scorecard," Harrison said. "So in the cascading building process, we made sure that we were all aligned."

In addition to setting the standard for making system changes, TRADOC was named Best Practices for the achieving 100 percent alignment of strategic objectives on all Level 2 subordinate command scorecards; Best Practices in data reporting, achieving 100 percent data reporting for the previous six

months in all 1,100 strategic objectives; and Best Practice for setting the Major Command Initiatives for 2004.

"The entire system is built with a bottom up perspective," she said. "And at the baseline of the entire system are our resources, our people. It is sound business practices to consider our most important resource, our Soldiers, and build on that."

Regarding the TRADOC success in the Strategic Readiness System, Harrison said, "I want to ensure the extraordinary work and accomplishments of Lt. Gen. Anthony Jones, TRADOC Deputy Commanding General and Chief of Staff, our senior leaders, my work group members and Level 2 SRS points of contact are recognized."



Photo by Patrick Buffett

Robert Carrington, readiness chief, Department of Army G-3, presents a "Best Practices Award" to Lt. Gen. Anthony R. Jones, deputy commanding general and chief of staff for TRADOC, Aug. 2 at Morelli Auditorium.

GAS THEFT

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"We've seen losses of \$150 or more over a two-day period,"

without paying and call the appropriate authorities. Don't drive away from that pump unless you have a receipt that shows you paid for your gas."

According to a fact sheet published by the National Association of Convenience Stores, gas theft is a \$112 million problem per year nationwide. Incidents typically increase as the price of gas soars, with some stores experiencing two to three rip-offs a day.

The Langley Air Force Base Service Station – with 16 pumps compared to Monroe's four – is also suffering from the greed of gas thieves with the number of incidents there exceeding the national average on most days, according to Doris Bell, manager of that facility.

"We've seen losses of \$150 or more over a two-day period," Bell said. "In the long run, that really comes back to hurt our community and our honest customers because we can't contribute as much to installation MWR programs or offer as many special sales or discounts in other areas of our store."

The loss of profits are particularly troublesome for a facility like the one at Fort Monroe where recent annual sales figures have been below average and vendors with big money tend to shy away with the assumption that the customer base isn't large enough.

"AAFES on the whole is committed to providing the very best service to every one of its customers, but the loss of sales does have an

impact," Gardner said. "It hurts our ability to bring in new merchandise, which could attract more customers. And, in the long run, it hurts the honest customers and could even have an impact on operational hours."

Looking beyond AAFES losses, gas-guzzling bandits might also want to consider the legal repercussions. Stealing gasoline is just as much a crime as stealing anything else, according to Capt. Eric Hanson, Assistant Post Judge Advocate for Fort Monroe.

"Obviously, the consequences for the theft will vary depending on the circumstances – including military status," Hanson said. "For military personnel, UCMJ Article 121 (larceny) would most likely apply to the theft of gasoline, and other UCMJ articles could be implicated as well."

Military personnel could be subject to a range of administrative and judicial punishments, including those imposed by courts martial, he added. Possible consequences include forfeiture of pay, loss of rank, imprisonment and dishonorable discharge from the military. Civilians who steal gasoline could be prosecuted in federal court under applicable federal law.

Local military and civilian police officials had little to say about drive-offs other than the fact that they will, obviously, treat any theft as a serious matter and do everything in their power to catch the culprits.

Cpl. James West, acting public information officer for Hampton Police Division 1, said his

department is also "ready and quite willing" to assist with any investigation of gas theft. "We have a great working relationship with the Fort Monroe Military Police," he said. "And if that vehicle leaves the installation, they know that all they need to do is pick up the phone and ask for our help and we're going to assist in any way we can."

The knowledge that local military and civilian police officials are vowing to crack down on gas thieves, and even take away driving privileges if merited, serves as a note of satisfaction to PX managers like Gardner and Bell.

"It's a serious problem, and we need to enforce the full extent of the law," Gardner said. "From here on out, it shouldn't be enough for a customer to just come back to the store with an apology and the money ... we need to get serious."

"I'm willing to give anyone the benefit of doubt," Bell said. "But that only goes so far."

"There is a warning right on the pump that tells you it's against the law to steal gas, and when you hang up the nozzle, the pump reminds you that a payment needs to be made," she added. "So it's hard to believe people simply forget, and even if they did, they have a responsibility to return to the store immediately and pay. Beyond that, be aware that you're going to be reported no matter who you are or what your rank is and we'll let the police handle it from there."

Equality Day event draws Richmond minister

The senior legislative assistant to Virginia Delegate Dwight C. Jones will deliver the keynote address during the Women's Equality Day observance Aug. 26 at the Fort Monroe Theater.

Scheduled to begin at 1 p.m., the observance will feature Rev. Cheryl Ivey Green, who is also the minister of discipleship at the First Baptist Church of South Richmond. Green's talk is titled "And Still I Rise." She will focus on the many opportunities that are still becoming available as a result of the women's suffrage movement.

"I want it to be a message of hope and courage," Green said during a telephone interview with the Case-

mate Wednesday. "I want people to walk away with the realization that gender doesn't have to be an issue unless we make it an issue ... and that women shouldn't get caught in the trap of always trying to prove themselves. Just go out there and utilize those gifts we have. Know that you are just as qualified and competitive as the next person."

Green draws her insights from a dynamic career that includes 19 years with the Bank of America Corporation, where she achieved the position of assistant vice president of the Technology Solution Division. She gave up that job to pursue full-time ministry, and, along with her traditional church

duties, she now serves as guest preacher and facilitator at conferences that focus on women's equality and on issues associated with underprivileged communities.

"Involvement in my community is my passion," the Newport News native said. "That's why I didn't hesitate for even a minute in agreeing to come to Fort Monroe and participate in the women's equality observance. It was a perfect fit for me ... I feel it's important to make a difference."

Green also participates in the Virginia Heroes mentoring program, the Junior League of Richmond and with Alpha Kappa Alpha

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Rev. Cheryl Ivey Green

TRADOC awards top Soldier titles to Bullock, Garcia

BY SGT. 1ST CLASS REGINALD P. ROGERS
TRADOC NEWS SERVICE

FORT MONROE, Va. — A U.S. Army Ranger School instructor from Fort Benning, Ga., and a supply clerk from Fort Jackson, S.C., were named TRADOC's NCO and Soldier of the Year during a lunchtime ceremony here Friday.

Staff Sgt. Andrew Bullock, who is assigned to the 5th Ranger Training Brigade and represented the Army's Combined Arms Command during the competition, took top honors in the Non-commissioned Officer of the Year category over Soldiers representing the Combined Arms Support Command and the U.S. Army Accessions Command.

Sgt. Christina Garcia, 2004 TRADOC Soldier of the Year, is assigned to the 369th Adjutant General Battalion and represented the Combined Arms Support Command during the competition. Her battalion oversees the Army's training center for its Administrative and Finance occupational specialties.

Bullock said the TRADOC NCO of the Year competition was tough. He pointed out that competition was stiff between himself, Sgt. 1st Class Jon Y.

Williams, a Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course Small Group Leader, representing Accessions Command, and Sgt. 1st Class Shane Wentz, an Army Career Counselor, who represented CASCOC.

"It was very challenging because my competitors were outstanding," he said. "Sgt. Williams and Sgt. Wentz were, by far and away, the best competitors that I've had to go against on any level."

Crediting her competitive spirit, Garcia said she found little difficulty getting through this year's competition.

"I don't think any of it was hard," the San Antonio native said. "I enjoy competition. I think the hardest aspect of the competition was

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Staff Sgt.
Andrew Bullock

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Roll Call

MP Roll Call provides a link between the Provost Marshal's office and the Fort Monroe community regarding law enforcement operations, services and crime statistics, and how operations and services combine with other initiatives to keep the community safe daily. Call 788-2220 with any comments or concerns that need to be addressed. Detailed information concerning the fort's security posture will not be published.

Army Civilian Police important to post force protection

BY SGT. MICHAEL BAYNE
LEAD POLICE OFFICER, DACP

Why do we need civilian police officers and what role do they play here on Fort Monroe?

Since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, a lot of changes have been made in the areas of law enforcement and force protection on military installations throughout the United States. In line with these

changes the Department of the Army civilian police (DACP) came into being in early 2003 on Monroe.

Immediately following 9/11, requirements for entering Fort Monroe have become more restrictive, which means drivers coming through the gate must show a photo ID and may encounter vehicle searches. If they are not military they must have a legitimate reason

for entry. Contract security guards man the access control points and the DACP provide back-up support.

Members of the DACP come from all facets of military and civilian law enforcement. They are required to maintain certifications and qualifications to ensure the highest state of readiness.

Additionally, they must know federal, state and local laws, as well as the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Training is of the utmost importance to include: accredited law enforcement academy, certification in basic life support, weapons qualifications and unarmed self-defense.

The role of the DACP is to perform a variety of police tasks such as prevention and detection of crimes, conducting routine patrols of the installation, submitting reports for appropriate actions and

enforcing post regulations. DACP also responds to and assumes control of crime scenes, apprehends and detains persons suspected of violating the law; responds to domestic complaints, fire and burglar alarms and conducts traffic stops. Active in the community, the DACP also conducts community policing activities.

The primary mission of the DACP on Fort Monroe is to protect life and property of all employees, residents and guests. The DACP augments the Military Police affording them the time to conduct training vital to readiness in the event they are deployed.

A dedicated group committed to protecting the safety and security of all members of Fort Monroe, the DACP are well trained and ready to serve. They have not only taken a job, but have accepted a mission.

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Project Pride Clean Sweep Walk
Aug. 17, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Fitness Center
*Free beverages and MWR
gift certificate raffle*

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Local ROTC worker wins top civilian award

BY GEORGE WHITLEY

USACC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

An Army ROTC Headquarters staff member at Fort Monroe was recently named winner of a 2004 U.S. Army Cadet Command Award for Excellence for being the top civilian employee of the organization.

Patricia E. Harp will receive the “Superior Civilian Service Medal” for being selected as Cadet Command’s Civilian Employee of the Year for the grades of GS-12 thru 14 during a ceremony to be conducted in September.

Cadet Command is the parent organization of the Army ROTC program. The Awards for Excellence are to recognize the top performers in the command from around the country.

“I am honored to have been selected for this award,” the Lead Human Resources Specialist for the command said. “However, without the teamwork within the Cadet Command, this award would not be possible.”

“Pat is a complete team player who is totally focused on taking care of people and accomplishing the mission,” said Col. Radames Cornier, Jr., the Chief of Staff of Cadet Command. “She lives the Army values and is an outstanding role model, who sets high standards and is totally committed to supporting our mission of producing the next generation of Army officers.”

One of Harp’s largest projects each year is conducting the Professor Of Military Science selection board.

“We have had 265 officers submit applications this year,” she said. “There are, at present, 61 ROTC positions that have to be filled within our 272 ROTC battalions at colleges and universities around the country.” The military officers selected by the

board will serve as the commander of an Army ROTC battalion on campus.

She emphasized that Cadet Command strives to put the best officers the Army has

to offer into ROTC instructor positions.

“When we place a quality officer in a ROTC battalion, that person will produce a quality lieutenant for the Army,” she added.

“You only get good leaders when you have a high caliber of cadre like our ROTC instructors producing these people.”

Besides spending her days working vari-

ous personnel actions, she and her husband Ray like to travel and attend NASCAR events when possible.

“We were able to attend the first night racing event at Day-

tona Speedway a few years back,” she said. They also try and attend races at Richmond and Martinsville.

At home the empty
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Army survey urges spouses to ‘speak their mind’

BY SHAE INGLIN
CFSC MARKETING DIVISION

Catchy phrases like “cat got your tongue?” and “the bark stops here” will soon adorn t-shirts, balloons and posters throughout the Fort Monroe community as local Morale, Welfare and Recreation officials promote the 2004 Survey of Army Families V now being distributed service-wide.

The survey – conducted once every four years – will begin arriving in randomly selected mailboxes belonging to Army households in early September. The evaluation is geared specifically to Army spouses, allowing them the opportunity to speak their mind about such issues as: housing; relocation; paid and volunteer work; children’s activities; health care; MWR; and deployments



Described as “critical” to Army wellness, the tabulated survey results go directly to senior service leaders. In the past, those results have directly led to changes in family-focused pro-

grams and services to improve life for Army families, based upon issues that spouses indicate are the most important to them.

About 60,000 families will be included in the random sampling for the 2004 survey, which means a spouse has about a one-in-four chance of receiving the material. Packaged in a bright neon-green 9-inch-by-12-inch envelope, and clearly labeled “2004 Survey of Army Families,” the material will be very easy to spot.

The amount of time it takes to complete the survey will vary depending upon how detailed the participant gets. However, the greater the response rate, the more helpful the information is in guiding the Army in fine-tuning its programs. This makes it critical that every recipient of a survey takes the time to complete it.

Furthermore, if selected to participate, you represent Army spouses who are your friends and neighbors, as well as spouses around the world. Taking advantage of this opportunity to voice your opinion could improve community life for all.

The Survey of Army Families began in 1987

as a direct response to concerns that the Army was unresponsive to the challenges facing military spouses and other family members. Thanks to the input from thousands of spouses in prior surveys, today’s Army family enjoys an enhanced quality of life. For example, Congress approved an aggressive program that is privatizing and dramatically raising the standards for military housing.

Army spouses are also benefiting from the outcomes generated by an employment summit conducted in 2002 in partnership with Fortune 500 companies with the goal of increasing corporate job opportunities for Army spouses and helping them build skills that are attractive to business.

The Survey of Army Families is conducted by the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center in Alexandria, Va., the Army field operating agency which provides MWR programs to

Soldiers and families worldwide. Further information is available at the Army MWR Web site at www.armymwr.com.

Post MWR promotes Army survey with photo contest

Fort Monroe MWR will begin an Army Family Photo Contest later this month to generate awareness and support for the 2004 Survey of Army Families V.

The contest will highlight the unique qualities that make each family different while accentuating the similarities that bind Army families together.

A kick-off event for the contest is scheduled for Aug. 26 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the

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Photos by Patrick Buffett

Music Under the Stars

Ashfords ignite audience at ‘Broadway Center Stage’

The singing and acting talents of television and Broadway stars Matt Ashford, right photo, and Christine Saffran Ashford, far right photo, made for a magical “Music Under the Stars” evening Aug. 5 at the Post Theater. The show began with a National Anthem sing-along, led by The U.S. Continental Army Band assistant conductor, Capt. Treg Ancelet, pictured above. The Ashfords followed shortly afterward with comical duets like “Baby It’s Cold Outside,” and Christine’s dramatic solo performance of “I Could Have Danced All Night.” The event also served as a “homecoming” for the duo, as members of Matt’s family reside in Williamsburg and his father was once an employee here.



TUSCAB closes season with ‘Boston Brass,’ and booming ‘1812 Overture’

Bringing in a big-name brass quintet and the unparalleled vocal harmony of the Army Chorus, The U.S. Continental Army Band has once again assured a spectacular finish for its “Music Under the Stars” concert series at Fort Monroe.

Boston Brass – a nationally renowned horn quintet with five top-selling albums to its credit – will be the featured guests Thursday evening at Continental Park.

Performing more than 120 concerts annually, the Boston Brass has been featured on The CBS “Morning Show” and National Public Radio’s “Performance Today.”

“In terms of humor, entertainment and mind-boggling virtuosity, they are to music what the Harlem Globetrotters are to basketball,” one critic commented recently about the Brass.

In the event of rain, the band will move the performance to the Post Theater.

TUSCAB will conclude its 2004 concert series Aug. 26 with the much-ballyhooed “1812 Overture” performance. That program will include a special guest appearance by the U.S. Army Chorus from Washington, D.C.

The show’s much-anticipated “1812 Overture” finale incorporates the synchronized firing of 105mm Howitzers, manned by the Fort Monroe Salute Battery. Past concertgoers rave about the performance, describing it as a dazzling display of light, sound and patriotic spirit.

In the event of rain, TUSCAB will postpone the Aug. 26 performance until the next evening at the same time and location.

All shows are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. The concerts are free and open to the public.

For more information, call 788-3620.

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Spotlight Event

Craven hosts screening for kids

Craven Army Health Clinic is sponsoring a children’s vision and hearing screening on Aug. 19 at the Community Activities Center from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. This screening will be done on a walk-in basis for children in the community ages 4 though 7. The screening will be overseen by the Craven Army Health Clinic Optometrist - Dr. Thomas Neal.

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Community Activities Center in conjunction with the Casemate Community Connection’s post-wide sign up. There will be t-shirts, balloons and other giveaways for kids, as well as free disposable cameras to take photos for contest entry.

Contest entries are limited to two photos per family. Any family photos can be entered and are not limited to those taken with the disposable cameras.

It is up to each entrant to define what “Army Family” means to them. For example, while many may see “family” as a spouse and children, or children only, others may wish to include immediate or extended family, close friends and neighbors. Even a pet can be

included as a family member for purposes of the contest.

The deadline for photo submission is Sept. 7. Entries can be placed in the drop box at the front desk of the fitness center or sent electronically to inglinse@monroe.army.mil. All submissions must include name, address, phone number and email if available. Judging to determine finalists will be by the MWR Marketing Department. Winners will be contacted by Sept. 9. Prizes include MWR gift certificates, insulated coffee mugs, coolers and other MWR merchandise.

For more information, contact Shae Inglin, MWR Marketing, at 788-3296 or the email address listed above.

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2004 Kid's Day Scrapbook

Photos by Patricia Radcliffe



(Photo above) The Bridge Builders, a young-peoples' praise group from the Mechanicsville Christian Center in Mechanicsville, Va., perform choreographed moves to contemporary Christian music. (Photo right) An unidentified youth wriggles through a collapsible tunnel while competing on an obstacle course.



(Photo above) Brandon Dunaway, 19 months, crawls through a pirate ship composed of nets, ramps and slides. (Photo below) Taking a break, Zachary Reimer, 6, shares an ice cream cone with his sister Kelsey, 2. Their sister Abby, 4, enjoys her cone solo.



(Photo above) Pierre Haskins, 9, tests lights, public address system and siren in MP's patrol car. (Photo center) Taylor Bland, 6, takes a stroll with a large, cuddly-looking cat. (Photo right) John Tutson ensures Felicia Haynes, 22 months, gets the whistle of her choice.



(Photo above) Malauni Jones waits patiently as Dottie Scarborough paints a butterfly on her cheek.

2004 Hampton Cup Regatta

Racers return for 78th annual meet

BY PATRICK BUFFETT
CASEMATE STAFF WRITER

With ten of the fastest boats in the nation competing, and new speed records established year after year, Hampton Cup Regatta officials have good reason to brag about their annual Fort Monroe racing event.

“How would I compare it to NASCAR?” posed Tim Smith, chairman of the regatta planning committee. “Well, if you took Daytona and never fixed any of the potholes and just let the racers drive over them, you would have something roughly equivalent to boat racing.”

The excitement of the 78th annual regatta unfolds Aug. 20 through 22 right in our own backyard. More than 100 hydroplanes and runabouts from the U.S. and Canada will take to the waters of Mill Creek to compete at speeds in excess of 150 mph. This year’s race will also see the return of the Grand Prix Hydros – the fastest and loudest piston-powered racing boats in the world, capable of speeds up to 170 mph.

“This truly is the biggest boat race in North America,” Smith said. “And you can’t get a better deal than this ... it’s free.”

The races will start each day at noon and end at approximately 5 p.m. Other event attractions include a children’s area, food and beverage vendors, souvenir programs, a vintage and hot rod car show, an ultra-light airplane flyover, nature conservation programs and racing enthusiast clothing and collectibles. Race contestants will also participate in autograph sessions throughout the event.

“Race fans can also visit the pit area if they purchase a \$5 pass – and those last all day,” said



Photo courtesy of Hampton Cup Regatta planning committee

Scenery passes by in a swirl of color as a racing boat achieves top speed during the 2003 Hampton Cup Regatta.

Anne Doop, regatta media relations. “That’s an opportunity to get real up close and personal. These guys love to show off their boats and answer questions about the ins and outs of racing. For them, it’s a hobby ... it’s in their blood.”

“This truly is the biggest boat race in North America. And you can’t get a better deal than this ... it’s free.”

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REGATTA PLANNING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

is returning, as well as his cousins Kasey and T.J., and their father Terry. The Brownings are from Virginia Beach.

First-time spectators seeking a team to root for might want to focus on one of the 12 participating teams from the Hampton Roads area. Fourteen-year-old Jason Browning – the youngest driver at last year’s race –

The racing boats fall into 12 different “classes” with names like 1.5-liter stock, 2.5-liter modified, Jersey Skiff, K Boats, and the granddaddy of them all – the Grand Prix Hydro. Each race is four laps around a 1.25-mile track, for a total of five miles. Aside from crashes or the occasional pause to verify a new speed record, the races are only halted during high winds, lightning or severe weather.

A new addition to this year’s race will help fans stay in tune with the play-by-play action. Race announcement and commentary will be broadcast over 107.3-FM.

Race fans and Monroe community members will also want to take note of the road closures, gate access rules and traffic pattern changes

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PMO stresses safety with regatta road, visitor rules

BY INV. MATTHEW LONDON
PROVOST MARSHALS OFFICE

As always, the safety and security of our post community and its visitors is the number one concern during a large-scale event like the upcoming Hampton Cup Regatta Aug. 20 to 22.

Co-hosted by Fort Monroe and the City of Hampton, the regatta is now an international event that brings more than a hundred racing teams into the area as well as large crowds of race fans – all in addition to the installation’s regular traffic flow and weekend activity.

Awareness will be key to preventing accidents or harmful incidents during this action-packed event. To that end, the Fort Monroe Provost Marshals Office offers the following information concerning road closures, gate access procedures and movement on the installation during the event.

Installation access:

- Mercury Bridge will close at 8:30 a.m., Aug. 19 for setup of equipment, vendors and bleachers, and

will remain closed until 1:30 p.m. Aug. 23.

- Ingalls Gate will remain open each race day for vehicles with DoD stickers only. It is strongly recommended that residents and post workers use this entrance to access post.

- McNair Gate will be open for all event traffic and all visitors who do not have a DoD sticker on their vehicle.

- Stilwell Gate will be open to pedestrian traffic only Aug. 20 to 22 from 11 a.m. until the close of race day (approximately 5 p.m.) All pedestrians must have a picture ID to enter post.

- Bicycles will be allowed entrance through Stilwell Gate, but helmets are required for all individuals on bikes, skateboards or rollerblades.

Event traffic:

- Participants of the regatta (drivers, mechanics and event staff) are allowed to use ATVs and golf carts to and from the pit area and along Mercury Bridge. Passengers are limited to the number of seats

in the vehicle.

- Individuals pulling boats must proceed through McNair Gate. Traffic will be routed along Fenwick Road to designated parking areas at Walker Airfield.

- One or two shuttle buses (depending on the crowd) will run from Walker Airfield to Building 87 (main gate) with a stop at the pit area, adjacent to the Post Exchange on race days. Shuttle hours are 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. All coolers will be searched prior to boarding the shuttle bus.

- Stilwell Road will be closed from Eustis Lane to Pullman Drive from noon Aug. 19 to 1:30 p.m. Aug. 23.

- Northgate Road will be closed from the Building 59 parking lot to Stilwell Road from noon Aug. 19 to 1:30 p.m. Aug. 23.

- East Gate (across from the old post office) will be closed Aug. 20 to 22 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Security reminders:

- All vehicle passengers over the age of 18 must have a valid picture ID to enter post.
- No coolers, food or beverages will

be allowed inside the snow-fenced areas around the event site.

- No coolers will be allowed on Mercury Boulevard.

- No weapons are allowed on post.

- Photographs are limited to event activities. Pictures of the front gate or access procedures are not permitted at any time.

- To assist the installation with its force protection measures, event participants and visitors must use designated parking areas.

Non-DoD visitors to residents’ quarters:

If you live on Fort Monroe and plan to have non-DoD visitors at your quarters, you are encouraged to have them arrive prior to 11 a.m. Non-DoD visitors arriving after 11 a.m. will not be permitted to turn off designated routes (McNair and Fenwick Roads) unless escorted by a DoD or military ID card holder.

If visitors arrive after 11 a.m., tell them to enter via McNair Road and meet them in a pre-designated location along Fenwick Road to escort them to your quarters.



Post teen wins in national competition

BY PATRICIA RADCLIFFE
CASEMATE STAFF WRITER

No stranger to competition, DelChrisha Young again brought home the third place trophy from the three-day Fitness Authority National Decathlon Saturday.

“This is an extremely intense program,” Mike Jones, youth sports and fitness director, said Monday. “DelChrisha went beyond her limits in five of seven events by exceeding what we had

planned for this year. She excelled over her performance last year.”

Members of Boys and Girls Clubs of America located in the continental U.S., Hawaii and Germany, comprise a field of 4,000,000 potential participants in the national championship competition. That number was whittled down through regional contests held earlier this year to only 48 kids. These 48 qualifiers competed for prizes ranging from scholarships to trophies in

matches that took place on the campus of the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Fla.

The athletes ran one-half mile and 100 yards races, did push ups, sit ups, lateral hops, standing long jump and jumped rope. Although billed as a decathlon, three events were cancelled.

Young was first in four of seven events—lateral hops, standing long jump, sit ups and jump rope—and tied in one—the 100 yard dash.

Young brought home a trophy, but Jones could see that the most valuable aspect of the competition was the camaraderie.

“The youth converged on the campus and formed a bond. They established relationships because they roomed together and ate together. And, although they were competing, they rooted for each other during the competition. You normally don't see that type of sportsmanship,” Jones said.

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Photo by Patricia Radcliffe

Ready to roll

Paul Whaley and Stryker, the Army bowling mascot, joke around Monday at Fort Monroe Bowl. The newly renovated facility celebrates its reopening today with prize giveaways — to include a Mazda RX8 from Budweiser and bowling balls from Brunswick and Ebonite — and food samples from the snack bar. Also, customers will be able to test different types of bowling balls on the center's newly surfaced lanes.

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Registration for youth soccer has been extended through Aug. 21.

Flag football tournament

The post All-Star Flag Football Tournament will be held Aug. 28-29. It is a double-elimination competition open to military and civilian teams. The entry deadline is Aug. 23 and the cost is \$250 per team. For more information, call Thomas Scott at 303-4397 or 836-9783, or

the Fort Monroe sports office at 788-2783.

Running events

■ East Coast Surfing Championship 5K — Aug. 28 at the Oceanfront in Virginia Beach in conjunction with the surfing competition. Call Donald Stump, 493-8743 for more information.

■ Bakers Mountain 20K — Aug. 28 in Hickory, N.C. Contact Eric Drum at (828) 431-9776, eric-drum@carolinaortho.com or www.active.com.
■ Great Eastern Endurance 100K/50K — Sept. 5 in Charlottesville, Va. Contact Russell Gill at (434) 293-7115, badtothebone@adelphia.net or www.greateastern 100k.com.

IntramuralStandings

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ACC/SF	6-3
EMS #2	3-4
AMXS #2	3-5
LRS #2	3-6
FM JTFCS	2-6
AEF/CTR	2-8
FM/CC	1-7
American League	
LRS #1	7-1
FM MOAT DOGS	7-1
1 DGS #1	10-3
FM/DCST	8-3
AMXS #1	5-2
1 MDG	4-3
ACC/LG	5-5
1 SFS	4-5
480 IG	3-6
FM/MP	2-5
1 CES	2-6
119 FW	2-6
MOS	2-10
1 CS	1-8

Golf

DCSPIL/NERO	87.5 pts
JTF-CS	64.5 pts
DPW	62.5 pts
HQ	61.5 pts
DCSOPS&T	48 pts

Standings as of Aug. 10. Many win/loss totals remain unchanged as inclement weather has postponed numerous games. For more info about game schedules, call 788-2783.

Eustis golf tourney

U.S. Army Cadet Command will host an Inaugural golf tournament at The Pines Golf Course, Fort Eustis on Sept. 2. The four-person, captain's choice tournament will begin at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$35 per person and fees cover greens fee, cart, dinner and awards ceremony. Longest drive and closest to the pin contests are part of this event. Mulligans will also be available. Contact Capt. Lawrence George at 788-3909 or email Lawrence.George@usacc.army.mil to pre-register.

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UPCOMING SPOTLIGHT EVENTS

Bowling Center Re-opening . . Aug. 13
Clean Sweep Walk Aug. 17
MUTS 'Boston Brass' Aug. 19
Hampton Cup Regatta Aug. 20
Equality Day Observance. . . Aug. 26
MUTS '1812 Overture' Aug. 26
For more on these and other upcoming events, see calendar below or other stories and briefs in this issue.



Aug. 13

Fridays at the Fort

Welcome back our sunny skies with Monroe MWR's "Fridays at the Fort" celebration this evening at the Bay Breeze Community Center. Featuring entertainment by guest disk jockey L. F. Edwards, the festivities also include hot food fresh off the newly opened patio grill and ice-cold beverages. Families can also cool off with a dip in the outdoor pool. Beverage service for the evening begins at 4 p.m.; the patio grill is open from 5 to 8 p.m.; and the entertainment begins at 6 p.m. The outdoor pool is also open until 8 p.m. Fridays at the Fort continue through the summer. The Aug. 20 guest D.J. is Gator Almond, and Cliff Rock returns as the guest D.J. for the Aug. 27 event. Guests are reminded that a pass is required to use the outdoor pool. For information about pool pass rates and purchases, visit www.monroemwr.com and follow the aquatics link. For additional information about Friday's at the Fort, call 788-2406.

Aug. 14

PX clearance sale

The Fort Monroe Post Exchange will host a warehouse clearance sale Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Among the items that will be sold at "rock bottom prices," are refrigerators, washers and dryers, sofas, love seats and an assortment of furniture items, according to the exchange's acting manager, Karen Gardner. The site will also have a "barter" section, where serious customers can wheel and deal for even lower prices. For more information, call 722-0794.

Story time alive

Barnes and Noble Booksellers on Jefferson Avenue in Newport News will host a children's program titled "Story Time Alive" Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon. The book "Redtail Hawk" will be read aloud and followed by a visit from an actual live hawk from Sandy Bottom Nature Park. Rangers from the park will be on hand to share interesting facts about the hawk and give children an up-close look at the magnificent bird. The event is free and open to the public.

Family music festival

Reggae, R&B and a few other musical styles will highlight the

Fort experiences hip-hop fever



Photo by Patricia Radcliffe

(l-r) Rachel Berryman, Leah Johnson, Karla Grase (dance instructor) and Alexis Carlisle strutt with "Jazz hands" raised during hip-hop dance demonstration Aug. 2 at the CAC.

King-Lincoln Music Festival from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday at King-Lincoln Park, Newport News. Admission is free and the event is open to the public. Food vendors will be on site. King-Lincoln Park is located on Jefferson Avenue, just before the Monitor-Merrimac Bridge Tunnel. For more information, call 886-7912

Babysitting class

The American Red Cross is offering a babysitting class for youth ages 11 to 18 Saturday at the Poquoson Public Library. Instruction includes basic first aid and tips for taking care of young children. Participants are encouraged to sign up early, as space is limited. The cost of the class is \$35, which must be paid by check at the time of registration. The library is located at 500 City Hall Avenue in Poquoson. For more information, call 868-3060.

Aug. 15

Colonial country dance

Colonial Williamsburg's own "Mistress of Dance" teaches the latest dance steps from London from 2 to 3 p.m. Sunday at the Play Booth Theater. Participation requires the purchase of a Colonial Williamsburg visitor's pass. For more information and reservations, call 1-800-HISTORY.

Aug. 17

'Summer in Blue'

The Summer in Blue Concert Series continues at Langley Air

Force Base Tuesday evening with a performance titled "A Rock-n-Roll Showcase." Featuring the "Blue Aces" – a small ensemble from the U.S. Air Force Heritage of America Band – the concert will be held at Memorial Park beginning at 7 p.m. The group will also give an encore performance Wednesday evening in Merchants Square within the Williamsburg historical district. That show begins at 6:30 p.m. Additional shows are planned for each Tuesday and Wednesday throughout August at the same locations. All shows are free and open to the public. For more information, visit the band's Web site at www.af.mil/accband or call their InfoLine at 764-2934.

Aug. 20

Forces of Nature

The new IMAX film "Forces of Nature" opens Aug. 20 at the Virginia Air and Space Center, Hampton. Participants will encounter the Earth's fiercest powers and the death-defying science of studying awesome forces of nature like volcanoes, violent earthquakes and tornadoes. All of it will be shown on the five-story-high IMAX screen and enhanced by 16,000 watts of digital surround sound. For show times and advance ticket purchase, call 727-0900, ext. 703 or visit www.vasc.org. This month's "Party on the Pier" concert series at Nauticus features pop music by Richmond quintet "Fighting Gravity" and special

guest "Rainmaker." The event is scheduled from 5 to 9 p.m., Aug. 20 at the Nauticus Pavilion. Guests can enjoy food, fun, a great view and the sounds of some of the region's best recording artists – all for a good cause as proceeds go to the National Maritime Center Foundation, Supporting Science Education for Kids. All concerts are held rain or shine. Tickets are \$7 for the general public and \$5 for students, military and Nauticus members. Tickets are available at the door on the day of the show only. No coolers are allowed. For more information, call 664-1014.

Campfire fun, hayride

Enjoy an evening of stories, songs around the campfire, and a good-old-fashioned hayride around Sandy Bottom Lake during a special Aug. 20 event at Sandy Bottom Nature Park.

At The Movies

Showing at the Langley Air Force Base and Fort Eustis Theaters
Friday, Aug. 13
7 p.m. — Sleepover (PG)
Saturday, Aug. 14
2 p.m. — Spiderman 2 (PG-13)
Friday, Aug. 20
7 p.m. — Anchorman (PG-13)
Saturday, Aug. 21
2 p.m. — King Arthur (PG-13)
Friday, Aug. 27
7 p.m. — Catwoman (PG-13)

Adults \$2, children 6-12 years old \$1.50 and children under 6 are free. If a child under 6 occupies a seat at a G-rated movie, admission is \$1.50. Special movie showings are available. Contact John Low at LowJ@aafes.com or 766-1237 for details.

Toasted marshmallows and hot chocolate will top off this evening of family fun, which begins at 7 p.m. Guests are encouraged to bring a campfire story or song to share. Appropriate clothing for weather conditions and bug spray should also be considered.

This program requires a minimum of 15 people, and the registration deadline is 3 p.m., Aug. 19. There is a \$5 fee per person. For more information, call 825-4657.

Aug. 24

Down Memory Lane

The Main Street Library in Newport News invites the public to join them for a walk down Memory Lane Aug. 24 from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Sing along with '60's songs, listen to poetry that offers a glimpse of daily life during that decade, play games with a '60's theme, and chat with others about your memories from that timeframe. For more information, call 247-8875.

Aug. 25

Surf champions meet

The 42nd Annual East Coast Surfing Championships and Beach Sports Festival returns to Virginia Beach Aug. 25 to 27.

More than 100 of the world's top

professional surfers and an estimated 450 amateur surfers will "ride the curl" at the historic 2nd Street Jetty. In 2003, the competition offered the largest cash purse on the east coast.

All activities are free for spectators. Competitors will be charged an entry fee. For more information, call 1-800-861-7873 or visit www.surfecsc.com.

Aug. 27

'Hollywood' symphony

The City of Newport News will host a free outdoor concert featuring the Virginia Symphony Aug. 27 at Oyster Point Fountain Plaza. The performance begins at 7 p.m.

Guests will be treated to the symphony's nostalgic rendition of movie music, with film scores from such favorites as "An American in Paris" and "Phantom of the Opera." Conducted by Shizuo Kuwahara, the show promises toe-tapping excitement for the whole family.

Oyster Point Plaza is located on Town Center Drive. From I-64, use exit 256A, Oyster Point Road, turn left on Thimble Shoals Blvd., and make another left onto Town Center.

Additional performances of the Virginia Symphony's "Score One for Hollywood" show are planned for Aug. 28 at the Victory Monument, Main Street, Yorktown and Aug. 29

at Chesapeake Jubilee Park. For more information, visit the symphony's Web site: www.virginiasymphony.org.

Starlight Cinema

The City of Portsmouth presents its final "Starlight Cinema" event Aug. 27 from 8 to 10 p.m. at the city park amphitheater.

Children and grownups alike will enjoy one of Disney's newest family adventures - "Peter Pan." The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be available for purchase at the concessions stand.

For more information, call 393-8481.

Aug. 28

Soul Music Beachfest

Sand, surf and music are the offerings of the 2nd Annual Soul Music Beachfest that kicks off Aug. 28 at the Beachstreet Seaside Palladium in Virginia Beach.

Against the rhythmic background of the Atlantic Ocean, music lovers explore the African origins of today's diversified music genres including soft rock, jazz and R&B. The two-day festival features food, ethnic arts and crafts, and local, regional and national entertainment.

This event is free and open to the public. Guests are encouraged to bring beach towels or lawn chairs.

For more information, visit www.beacheventsfun.com

Mystery history tour

Edgar Allan Poe, Pocahontas, Richard Decauter Lee and several other 19th century characters will visit Lee Hall Mansion Aug. 28 to help visitors complete the great Mystery History Tour.

During this family-oriented event, guests will hunt for clues on the grounds and interview the visiting literary and historical giants. Performances will take place at 6 and 7 p.m. Reservations are required. The cost is \$7 per person.

Lee Hall Mansion is located just north of Newport News Park. From I-64, take exit 247 and follow the trailblazing signs. For more information, call 888-3371.

Sept. 1

Tony Bennett

Celebrate the grand opening of the first phase of the Ferguson Center for the Arts, Newport News, with a memorable performance by an icon of American entertainment, Tony Bennett, Sept. 1 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets for the show start at \$125 and can be purchased at the Ferguson Center box office located on the campus of Christopher Newport University. To reserve tickets by phone or for additional information, call 594-8752.

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Museum makes show of morphing metals, oozing liquids

BY PATRICIA RADCLIFFE
CASEMATE STAFF WRITER

Morphing metals, oozing liquids and bouncing ball bearings are just some of the scientific oddities at a current Virginia Air and Space Center exhibit, aptly named “Strange Matter.”



Photo by Patricia Radcliffe
Neil Bates, a museum educator, answers questions from the audience as Andrew King, 10, waits to see if a block of Aerogel will protect a balloon from a torch's heat.

The exhibit focuses on fun science and the physics that allow some materials to withstand amazing abuse.

Strange Matter is packed with hands-on activities that interest children and adults alike. Several allow the visitor to compare things – the strength of glass against a bowling ball; the fluidity of several types of liquids and powders; or the molecules of diverse materials.

Most of the exhibits are self-paced, and some include live demonstrations. At one of the stations, volunteers from the audience assist an education specialist in showing the properties of Aerogel – a type of super-insulating foam – by using a torch to affect objects through it. Another allows participants to smash a variety of materials with a large electric crusher.

Plan to spend several hours in this museum, especially with school-aged children. There is a lot to experience.

While there, visitors may also want to stick around and experience an IMAX film shown on a screen five-stories high and brought to life by 16,000 watts of digital surround sound. Among the current daily showings are a feature about NASCAR – said to place the viewer in the driver's seat at speeds up to 200 mph – and a film that focuses on the Space Station – the audience sees what traveling 220 miles above Earth at 17,500 mph looks like. Both films are in 3D.

Strange matter will be on display through Sept. 5. Admission to the center and the exhibit is \$8.50 for adults, \$7.50 for seniors (65 and



Photo by Patricia Radcliffe
An unidentified youngster is engrossed in an experiment that compares the movement of ball bearings of various sizes.

over), military and NASA personnel, and \$6.50 for children (ages 3 to 11). Admission to the IMAX theater is separate, however, a combination ticket for both the center and IMAX is available.

The Center is open Monday through Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursday through Sunday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

A parking garage is located about a block-away. During non-peak hours, there is also ample curbside parking across the street from the center.

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the suspense of waiting to see who was going to win. After meeting all of the competitors, it's tough, when you actually become friends with them because it seems like you're not supposed to be friends, but you are. Deep inside you find yourself actually pulling for them to win as well."



Sgt. Christina Garcia

She added that the competition provided joy to go along with the suspense.

"This, to me, has been the most rewarding experience," Garcia said about winning the TRADOC Soldier of the Year Award. "Being able to experience everything and to see first hand, how much we are appreciated. It has been a great experience."

Both Soldiers received numerous momentos in recognition of their achievement. The keepsakes included savings bonds, plaques, gift certificates and gold watches.

They also received an NCO sword from Pioneer Services, and a large Eagle statue from the MILES Corporation.

Both competitors explained that winning the TRADOC competition is just part of their "career aspirations puzzle."

Garcia said her job as part of her company's cadre has inspired her to focus on other aspects of a military career.

"My job at Fort Jackson is an enjoyable experience," she said. "Being part of the cadre has given me a lot of thought as to wanting to become a drill sergeant and being in that position."

In fact, Garcia pointed out that becoming a drill sergeant is only a short-term aspiration for her. Her long-term aspiration is to become a command sergeant major. She also credited her command for being helpful in preparing her for the competition.

As for Bullock, his career aspirations were somewhat different.

"I'm kind of undecided right now, but I'd like to go into the Special Forces and experience that," Bullock said. "I'm not yet sure if I want to do a 20- or 30-year Army career. There are a lot of factors there. But I definitely have a few more good years left in the Army. At least one more reenlistment."

Each Soldier will go on to represent TRADOC in the 2004 Army NCO of the Year Competition, which is set for Sept. 13 at Fort Lee, Va. and will end Sept. 16 in Alexandria, Va.

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that will result from the regatta. Those are detailed in the accompanying article on Page 13.

The oldest continuous inboard race in North America, the Hampton Cup Regatta was first held in 1926 on the Hampton River. As boats became too fast to make turns on the narrow river, the race was relocated to Mill Creek where it has been held ever since.

"It couldn't be a better arrangement," Smith said. "Year after year, we've received outstanding support from the City of Hampton and the Fort Monroe community."

"We were especially concerned this year because the fort is still fixing damage from Hurricane Isabel," he added, "But, Col.

(Perry D.) Allmendinger (garrison commander) never hesitated. He said, flat out, we're going to make this happen, and it did."

"Monroe has been nothing but hospitable," Doop said. "And our racers have voted it as their favorite because of the support we receive and the amenities."

The Hampton Cup committee members also expressed their "sincere gratitude," to the many volunteers and sponsors who literally keep the regatta afloat. Volunteer contributions, for example, helped cut the overall expense of conducting the race by more than \$35,000. That, combined with the funding and services donated by sponsors, makes it possible to offer free admission.



File photo by Patricia Radcliffe
Jason Browning and cousin Kasey are two local favorites entered in the upcoming Hampton Cup Regatta.

NewsClips

Toastmasters meet

Future Leaders and Thinkers Toastmasters Club will hold an Open House Aug. 23, in Building 10 (second floor ACA conference room) at 11:40 a.m.

Learn leadership, writing and public speaking skills the Toastmasters' way. Toastmasters International training programs are recognized by the Office of Personnel Management as a training venue for government employees to improve their communication skills.

Annual CCC welcome

Fort Monroe's Casemate Community Connection will hold its annual welcome and community activity sign up on Aug. 26 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Community Activities Center. Meet new people, learn about post community organizations and volunteer opportunities; join the CCC and shop.

Many post organizations and various vendors will be present.

For more information, contact Michelle Taylor at 722-3051.

Norfolk back to school mass immunization

The Norfolk Department of Public Health will hold special Back to

School Mass Immunization Clinics Aug. 18 and 25, and Sept. 1 at the Little Creek Multi-Service Center.

It will also hold immunization clinics throughout August at the Berkley Multi-Service Center, Mondays from 8:30 to 11 a.m., and Wednesdays, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Children must have all required immunizations before returning to Norfolk Public Schools. For example, the hepatitis B vaccination is required for all students entering the sixth grade. The chicken pox vaccination is required for all children who have not had the disease.

For more information and, to help avoid the rush of last minute immunizations, call the Norfolk Department of Public Health at 683-2780.

Single mom workshop

Hampton Parks and Recreation and Black Pearls United, will sponsor a workshop for single mothers Sept. 18, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The conference will be at 3501 Kecoughtan Road in Hampton.

Practical information and opportunities to network on finances, education, health, wellness and life balance will be available.

The conference is free, but pre-registration required. Call 727-1602 by Aug. 23.

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New ticket rules effect official travel

Fort Monroe travelers on official business are required to use their government travel card for the purchase of airline tickets. Effective immediately the Directorate of Public Works and Logistics will require travelers to use their Individually Billed Account (IBA), Government Travel Card, when making reservations with Carlson Wagonlit Travel.

Contact your resource manager to obtain a government travel card. The government's centrally billed account (CBA) will only be used for travelers who are exempt from the government charge card program.

In addition, travelers still using the CBA should fax orders to 727-0713 or drop them by Carlson Wagonlit Travel, Building 27, no later than three business days before travel is to begin. Orders are required to verify funding.

If orders are not received three business days before travel is to begin, your reservations will be canceled.

Government loses money on unused airline tickets

A recent General Accounting Office report revealed that failure to cancel unused airline tickets by DoD personnel has cost the government over \$100 million.

When DoD travelers arrange flights in compliance with official travel orders and fail to notify the CTO of change/cancellation of travel plans, the airline tickets are still valid and billed to the government. It is the traveler's responsibility to notify the CTO immediately when tickets are not used for official travel.

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nesters have their faithful pet to keep them company these days. “Hanna is my baby,” Harp exclaimed as she pointed to her dog’s photo above her desk at work.

Harp sums up her role in Cadet Command this way: “It is a privilege to be allowed to work for the finest organization in the Army,” she said. “This command includes great leaders, incredible cadre and fantastic civilian employees.”

The Army Reserve Officers’ Training Corps units Harp supports are located at 272 colleges and universities throughout the country. Students at nearly 1,200 other institutions of higher learning can also participate in Army

ROTC training through partnership agreements with nearby schools.

ROTC teaches students how to succeed in today’s competitive world by providing them with leadership and management skills that last a lifetime. Many graduates attribute their success in careers in government and industry to the training they received as ROTC cadets.

The Army ROTC program trains and commissions the majority of lieutenants entering the Army each year. Since the program was established in 1916, over 500,000 men and women have gone on to become Army officers.

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Sorority, Inc. She is also on the board of the Southside Child Development Daycare Center, a non-profit center serving the Blackwell community in Richmond.

In her position as senior legislative assistant, Green offers insights on community issues to Delegate Jones, who is heavily involved in the Virginia Black Caucus. She also oversees staff work and handles management issues.

Green has a master’s in divinity from the Samuel Dewitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University and a bachelor’s degree in mathematics and computer science from Virginia Commonwealth University.

The Women’s Equality Day observance will also feature another special guest traveling from Richmond. Cora Harvey-Armstrong, a regular performer at

outdoor theaters and church gatherings throughout the state capital area, will entertain the Fort Monroe audience with her rendition of “Abundantly Blessed.”

Fort Monroe’s own Staff Sgt. Janice Johnson, U.S. Army Cadet Command, will also perform – singing “Never Give Up.” Thelma Pankoke, deputy to the Fort Monroe garrison commander, will give welcoming remarks.

Sponsored by the Fort Monroe Equal Employment Opportunity Office, the Women’s Equality Day observance is open and free to the public, and marks the 84th anniversary of women winning the right to vote, as guaranteed by the 19th Amendment to the Constitution. A sign language interpreter will be on site.

For more information on Fort Monroe’s Women’s Equality Day observance, call Faye Anderson at 788-3500.

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